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Dear Harold,

I just received your letter today, and thought it best to reply as soon as possible. Perhaps you may not realize this, or simply fail to recognize it because you are so involved in what concerns you most, but my summer is far from free. I have been involved in numerous undertakings which are very important to me, both socially and personally. My days are planned weeks in advance, and I do not have the time to hassle around with your demeaning letters, to put it as bluntly as you so graciously do. Life is simply too short for me to waste it.

I have not mailed your tapes back to you yet because I was keeping them to initiate anyone unfamiliar to the case into what exactly we would be doing. You should find them in your mailbox a few days after you receive this letter. Also, I am sending you John's letters.

When this first began, the dean of the law school ask me to organize a group of law students to work on the James Earl Ray case. He gave me a few details and ask if I would check around the school to try to find anyone interested. This I did, and turned the list of interested students in to him. Then you came to town to appear on the Bill Fields show. When I went to the Chase to speak with you and Jerry, you will remember that I had a notebook with me that I was going to take notes in. You distinctly told me that there was no reason for me to do so. Then, because of car troubles beyond my control, I was not able to meet further with you. I have ask you in the past to clarify what exactly you would like for us to do here in St. Louis. You have not yet made that clear to me.

To make a long story short, so as not too waste too much of your treasured time, you should consult Dean Lesar for the list of the other law students interested in the case. Feel free to expose my incompetence by checking on exactly how many of those law students are at this time in the summer still willing to put the work that is required into the case. I am sure that you will find that at the very least, I am not a liar.

I doubt if you will even consider this, and clearly not heed it, but I feel compelled to state it anyway. Your time may be the most valuable in the world, but if you can not take the time to explain what you want done, so that those working for you are able to procede in an orderly and timely fashion, then you will surely fail in what ever the endeavor is. Secondly and finally, perhaps you should take an objective view of yourself, the changes that are needed for you to further succeed. If you can possibly do so, evaluate your own thinking and understanding. Clearly, some true reflective thought on your part would be of great benefit to you and your future endeavors.

I am not one to either hold a grudge or speak maliciously of people that I respect. So, what is done is done, and I sincerely hope that we part as friends. You are always welcome in my home when you are in town, so stop by if you ever get out this way again.

Sincerely,

Dana